

**DRAFT PERMIT RENEWAL FOR
HAZARDOUS WASTE POST-CLOSURE FACILITY
LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE (EAST SEGMENT)**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) hereby gives notice of its intent to renew the hazardous waste post-closure permit held by Luke Air Force Base (LAFB) for the Munitions Treatment Range (MTR) Unit 8. The permit contains plans for post-closure maintenance that the Air Force will follow during MTR Unit 8's 30-year post-closure period. The unit was certified closed in January 2002. This notice also announces a 45-day public comment period from **February 12, 2017 through March 28, 2017**.

The MTR is located on the northeastern portion of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, within Maricopa County, approximately 15 miles southwest of Gila Bend. The MTR was used for treatment of waste munitions and included eight former treatment units. All of the treatment units are closed. The MTR will continue to be used solely for emergency response activities and training exercises. MTR Unit 8 is a former burial pit located in the southwest portion of the MTR. The burial pit is approximately 140 feet long by 40 feet wide by 12 feet deep. It contains ash and debris resulting from the open burning of hazardous waste munitions and soils with arsenic concentrations above the nonresidential soil remediation level of 10 parts per million. A cover has been installed which has been engineered and constructed to ensure that there is no threat to human health or the environment.

The draft post-closure permit renewal allows LAFB to continue proper long-term management of the cover for MTR Unit 8. The management of the cover includes performing inspections, maintenance, and corrective action when necessary. If approved, the proposed post-closure permit will be effective for 10 years. It can then be renewed as necessary to continue maintenance of the cover during the post-closure care period of at least 30 years.

All data submitted by LAFB is available as part of an Administrative Record for the draft permit. A copy of portions of the Administrative Record, including the draft permit, may be viewed at the Gila Bend Branch Library, 202 North Euclid Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona 85337. The library operating hours are Monday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The full administrative record is available at the ADEQ Phoenix office at 1110 West Washington Street and may be viewed from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday (excluding state holidays). To arrange an appointment to review this record at ADEQ, contact the ADEQ Records Center at (602) 771-4380. Copies of the fact sheet for this permit action are available by contacting ADEQ at the agency contact below. Find this notice's supporting documents under today's date on the Public Notice Calendar at <http://www.azdeq.gov/notices/>.

ADEQ invites all interested persons to submit written comments concerning the draft post-closure renewal permit. **All comments must be submitted to ADEQ, post-marked by the close of the public comment period: March 28, 2017. Submit your comments to:**

Terry Baer, Manager
ADEQ – Hazardous Waste Unit
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Phone: (602) 771-4503;

In addition to submitting public comment, any person may request the ADEQ Director to schedule a public hearing. Formal requests for a public hearing must be submitted to ADEQ by **not later than March 28, 2017**, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director will hold such a hearing if: 1) he finds, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest in the draft post-closure permit, or 2) he finds that the hearing may clarify one or more issues involved in the draft permit decision, or 3) a formal written notice of opposition to the draft permit is received within the comment period.

If you would like a copy of the facility fact sheet or wish to be placed on a mailing list for permit activity, you can make such request to the ADEQ contact person listed above. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who might be interested in this matter.

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write, or understand English and/or to those with disabilities. Requests for language interpretation services or for disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting: 7-1-1 for TDD; (602) 771-2215 for Disability Accessibility; or Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at (602) 771-4322 or idb@azdeq.gov.

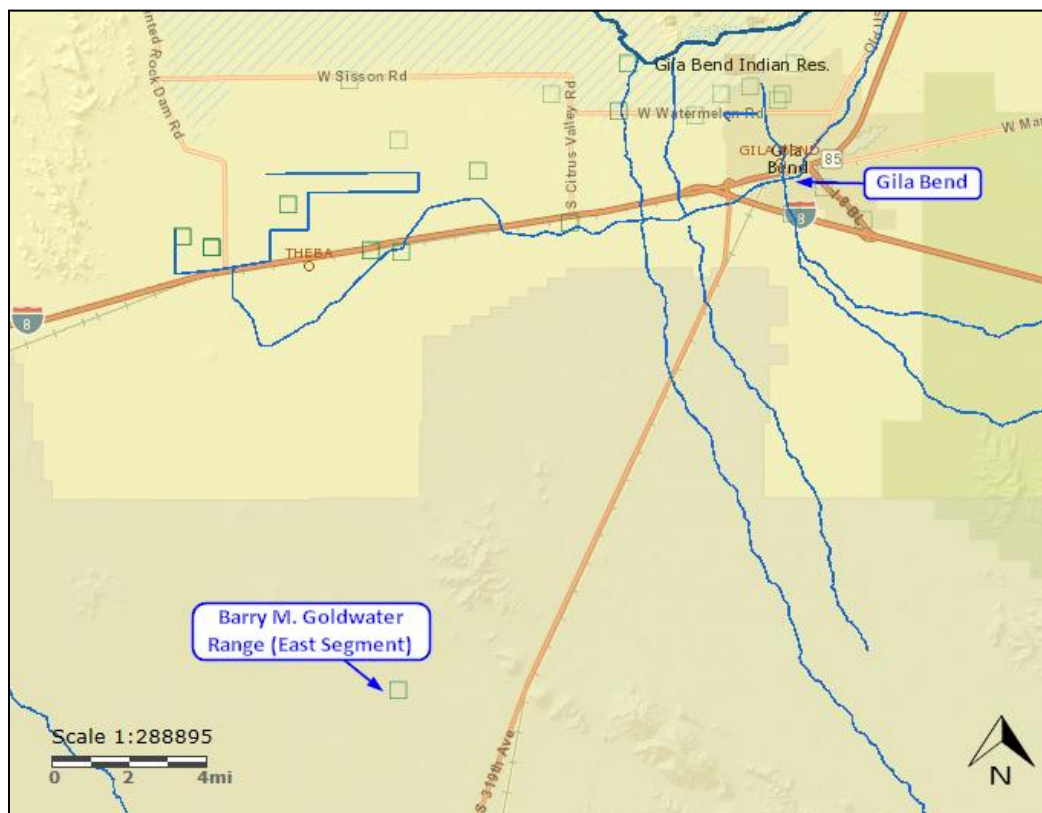


Figure 1. Site Location Map

(map source: MM25, ADEQ AZMapper, Hazardous Waste – TSD layer 11-07-16)